

## WILSON BANNER MADE ITS EXIT BETWEEN 2 DAYS

Club Members Threaten To  
Pester Board of Affairs  
About It

## BOYS WERE IN DANGER

Live Wire Was Stretched  
Along Sill of Bank  
Window

Half the city's smile the other half in tears, for as each and every bread winner and bread robber in the city passed along Main street to work this morning the famous or infamous Wilson club banner was conspicuous by its absence from the place it hung between the Trust company building and the Democratic headquarters. The banner was taken down this morning at 12:30 o'clock.

Although Mayor Bowen ordered it taken down at noon yesterday the "Club" of big slick or whatever it may be called decided that it would be best to let it up until midnight or later, at which time some Republican bent upon taking the banner down would be given his chance and permitted to be severely shocked.

Several tied to climb the front of the Trust company building but were unable to make it. A few of these were Democrats pretty well picked who were out for sport. While these young men were trying to climb the wall, sign-painter Mooney and a few of the club members looked on from the Wilson club headquarters and smiled over the probable result of the boyish pranks of a few youthful specimens in the city.

The result would have been instant death to anyone who made the window as there was stretched on the ledge below the sign a live wire through which a current of electricity capable of destroying life was allowed to run. Sparks from this could have started a fire. The banner itself which was inflammable signs are against the law. Any kind of signs are against the law, if such signs extend over three feet from the front of the building.

A committee of two appointed this morning visited the Mayor and asked for special permission to restring the banner. This was not granted but the mayor intimated that he would be willing to compromise by allowing the Republicans to erect a banner also.

The Wilson club committee refused that they were unable to do anything with the Mayor the club decided that it would send several men to the meeting of the city Board of Affairs next Monday to petition that Board for permission to violate the law during campaign times in Fairmont.

The outcome of this petition is awaited with interest by several business men who state they will petition the Board of Affairs to erect signs during Booster Day, Tag Day, etc., campaigns.

## Calder Leading For Senator In New York

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Returns from yesterday's primary election at noon today show that Wm. M. Calder had increased his lead over Robert Bacon for the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator. With 1005 districts missing out of 505,719 the vote for Calder stood at 125,948 against 117,995 for Bacon, giving Calder a plurality of 7955.

Calder carried greater New York, all districts complete, by 33,426 the vote being 54,844 for Calder against 21,418 for Bacon. Returns from the state outside Greater New York for 2635 districts out of 3640 give Calder 71,104, Bacon, 96,575.

## City Hall Notes

Assisting in clearing up the enormous amount of work which has accumulated in the City Clerk's office while the bond issue ordinance was being prepared is Kenneth Barnes, of the Marion county bar.

Lawrence Horan, water inspector at the city treasurer's office has returned from a visit to the city of Baltimore at Baltimore was feeling any too well lately but looks 100 per cent huskier than when he left.

This is pay day for the laborers employed on the city work of paving streets, putting in sewers, etc. Many men flocked to the city building during the day to get their checks for weekly sums paid by the city for improvement work.

The first sign of trouble in the new paving presented itself a few days ago when the paving at Sixth street and Fairmont avenue was discovered sagged about four or five inches. Men were put to work immediately and discovered that water has lodged under the concrete and that it will be necessary to dig further to get to the trouble. It will take several days to make the repairs.

## Man Was Without Country for 50 Years; Sworn In

(By Associated Press)  
FORT WORTH, Texas, Sept. 20.—William V. James, a cousin of the famous Jesse and Frank James, one time bandit leaders, and a lieutenant in Quarrell's guerrilla band during the Civil war is today again a citizen of the United States after an interregnum of 50 years.

He took the oath of allegiance to the United States here late yesterday after having been a technical outlaw against the government for half a century.

## GERMAN LEADER FOR RUTHLESS WARFARE

Bassermann Says in Keynote  
Speech Sub Attacks  
Not Abandoned

(By Associated Press)  
BERLIN, Sept. 20.—Major Ernest Bassermann, leader of the National Liberal party, in a keynote speech delivered on Monday before his constituents in the Saarbrücken district, declared that the submarine campaign had been postponed and not abandoned.

Major Bassermann advocated the widest possible use of both submarines and Zeppelins and the most ruthless methods of warfare. The National Liberal leader asserted that his views were shared by Admiral von Tirpitz, Admiral von Koster, Prince von Buelow and Count Zeppelin. He maintained that in a "struggle where the existence of Germany is at stake the most ruthless use of all possible weapons should be made."

## ELECTION FRAUD ARGUMENT OPENS

Attorneys For Gen. O'Toole  
Questions Jurisdiction  
of U. S. Court

(By Associated Press)  
HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Sept. 20.—Argument was begun today in the United States District Court here on the demurrers to the indictment in the cases of General Edward O'Toole, a member of Governor Hatfield's staff and 19 others indicted for fraud in connection with the June state wide primary election in McDowell county. Judges C. A. Wood, of Charleston, S. C., of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and B. F. Kelley, of Bramwell, W. Va., of the United States District Court are presiding at the hearing.

In the demurrers the defendants question the Federal court's jurisdiction over state primary elections.

## Town Stops Work To Greet Hughes

SHEBOYAN, Wis., Sept. 20.—A large crowd greeted Charles E. Hughes on his campaign trip through the middle west when he arrived at Sheboyan this forenoon. The factories closed and even the circuit court adjourned until after the special train left.

Mrs. Hughes, accompanied by his wife, walked to a stand about a block from the train and spoke briefly on the tariff and the eight-hour law declaring the latter the biggest blow to labor in the history of the country.

## Almost Decapitated By Flying Rocks

(By Associated Press)  
JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Sept. 20.—Conrad Schirf aged 56, a prominent farmer and lumberman of Nicktown, near here, was almost decapitated, and William Vassene aged 23 was severely injured as a result of an explosion today when they attempted to dynamite a well they were drilling to dislodge some rocks.

A board had been placed over the well and the men were standing on it trying to light the fuse by use of torch when the explosion occurred. A piece of rock was hurled upward striking Schirf in the neck almost severing his head and carrying his body a distance of 15 feet. Vassene was protected by the plank although he was showered with debris and severely injured.

## Chase Bank Robbers With Motor Boats

(By Associated Press)  
MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 20.—Chase for the four bandits who last Friday got \$6,000 from the Homestead bank and Saturday killed three members of a posse pursuing them today developed into a motor boat race.

Sheriff Dan Hardie telegraphed the fugitives had again eluded his men early today and had left Key Largo in a stolen motor boat and that he was taking up the pursuit in two boats. Governor Trammell today offered a reward of \$150 for the capture of each of the robbers.

## RICH PAY BAND OF BLACKMAILERS MORE THAN MILLION FOR SILENCE

Pretty Women and Handsome Men Trap and Mulet Wealthy

## THE GANG IS QUITE LARGE

And the Members Lived In the Height of Luxury

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—Federal secret service men claimed today that as a result of the arrest of five men and three women here they will break up a syndicate composed of beautiful women and handsome men who have been operating an amazing blackmail scheme and secured more than a million dollars from wealthy men and women of society.

It is claimed that evidence unearthed here will lead to location of blackmailers who form a part of the syndicate with headquarters in New York and Philadelphia.

The authorities say the syndicate is composed of 40 men and 20 women, who live in the height of luxury, dress like millionaires and play the parts of millionaires with success.

In the apartments where arrests were made here, the secret service men found many pictures of men and women in compromising positions. These pictures, it is said, were to be used by the blackmailers to force tribute from the persons trapped.

Prices paid for silence on the part of the blackmailers after "suckers" had been trapped, ranged from \$5000 to \$40,000.

One man whose tribute to the syndicate is said to have been \$40,000, is described by the secret service men as a New York millionaire, married with two daughters in society and living in a Fifth-avenue mansion.

This case, say the authorities, is typical of the way, the blackmailers work.

The millionaire went to Atlantic City for a week-end. He met a beautiful, lavishly gowned woman. Surf dips, dinners and theater visits followed. As they moved about, they were followed by two dapper young men. They went to a New York hotel. They were not in their room long before the two men entered. It was agreed that \$40,000 would be paid for the silence of the woman and two men.

A Philadelphia society woman is said to have been trapped by one of the handsome men of the syndicate, led into an embarrassing situation and mulcted for \$3500.

Among those arrested are a man called Dr. Edward Donahue and Mrs. Edward Donahue, said by the secret service men to be the "master minds" who directed the operations of the syndicate.

The purpose of this meeting is primarily to re-organize the local organization and affiliate with the National Red Cross society. Plans for the further development of the work here will be made and the nurse will now take up all cases in the city that are in need of a visiting nurse.

The local league has in the past five years spent about six thousand dollars in educational and preventive measures for the tuberculosis work, and by their efforts have reduced the prevalence of tuberculosis more than fifty per cent. All of this expense has been borne by the few members of this league. They have brought this city on two occasions a tuberculosis exhibit which has been of great value in the education of the people as to the cause, care and cure of tuberculosis.

The Board of Affairs of the city have recognized the importance of this work and are now contributing \$300 per year to the support of the Red Cross nurse. The leaders in the local association are now planning to extend the scope of the work and it is thought that as many as three nurses could be used to advantage in this country. Miss Voak at present has confined her service to the city and the demands on her time now make it almost impossible for her to reach all who are in need of nursing.

A plan to obtain a Ford automobile for her use, has been contemplated and may again be taken up at the meeting Thursday evening.

## Pittsburgh Man Threatened Wilson

(By Associated Press)  
PITTSBURGH, Sept. 20.—Accused of sending threatening letters to President Wilson, Morris Diamond, of Bay City, Mich., was being held by the police today to await examination by a physician as to his sanity.

Diamond who was known as James C. Wilson, was arrested by federal agents who decided after questioning him that he is of unsound mind. His first letter was sent to the President last November and was followed by a number of others. Diamond, the authorities say, labors under the hallucination that the President is responsible because he is unable to secure valuable property in Bay City to which he lays claim. Diamond came here from Cleveland a week ago.

## Want 8-Hour Day In Parkersburg

(By Associated Press)  
PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Sept. 20.—About 30 employees of the Superior Woolen Mills of this city struck today. The men demand an eight-hour day and other concessions. The officials of the company closed the mills but announced they would reopen and operate on the open shop plan.

## El Paso Hears Villa Has Chihuahua

EL PASO, Sept. 20.—Rumors were current here today that Chihuahua City was captured by Villa in the second attack last night. General Francisco Gonzales, commandant at Juarez, and Consul Garcia declared the rumors were without foundation.

According to the rumor the attack was preceded by the mutiny of a large part of the garrison. The bandits were said to have occupied the municipal and federal palaces the penitentiary and two fortified hills.

## Bakers Demand An Embargo On Wheat

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—President Wilson will be asked to call a special session of Congress to declare an embargo on the exportation of wheat and federal and state investigation of the increase in the price of flour will be demanded by resolutions adopted by 300 bakers of Brooklyn yesterday. It was asserted that flour would be sold at \$14 a barrel and bread at 20 cents a loaf next spring unless an embargo is imposed.



MRS.  
EDWARD  
DONAHUE

## WILL DISCUSS HEALTH WORK

Local Society To Affiliate  
With National Red  
Cross

The local Anti-Tuberculosis league will hold a meeting Thursday evening at the Y. M. C. A. at 7:30. All of the members of the local league will be present at this meeting and the general public and all who are interested in civic improvement have been invited. City Health Officer Dr. C. H. Ramage, and Red Cross Nurse, Miss Voak, will address the meeting explaining the results of the work which is now being carried on in this community.

## CORNWELL'S BID FOR LILLY VOTERS DOESN'T GET FAR

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)  
HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Sept. 20.—It is being made evident that in Cabell county, where Abe Lilly received a large vote, his friends are not to be caught by the insidious bait set by Mr. Cornwell, in the form of a letter which is being sent to every man in the state known to have voted for Lilly in the primary. This letter follows:

Mr. A. H. Earls,  
Huntington, W. Va.  
My Dear Sir:

This letter is written to you because I believe you think more of your state than of any political party. Because I believe you agree with me that the state government and Republican party in West Virginia have fallen under control of an office-holding trust, a political machine. I believe further, you know that if I am elected governor I will strive to restore the government of the state to the people, eliminate waste, stop useless expenditures, and thereby lessen the amount of money taken from the people annually for state purposes.

Frankly and openly, I want your support, provided of course, you believe the aims mentioned are desirable.

I would be glad to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,  
JOHN J. CORNWELL.

In reply to this letter, Mr. Earls cites the following significant facts:

"It is true that I supported Abe Lilly in the primary. He was my personal choice, and for the course I took I have no apology to offer. I was very earnest in my support of Lilly, but in supporting him I was merely expressing a preference between two Republican candidates. So, when he conceded Judge Robinson's nomination and declared that he would support him, there was but one course left for me as a Republican, and that was to support the nominee of my party. While men count for much in politics, principles count for even more. I have voted the Republican ticket in both state and nation since 1888. The incompetency and extravagance of the Wilson administration prove conclusively that I have been right in national politics, and the splendid record of the Republican party in West Virginia amply justifies my course in the state. We have a splendid candidate for governor, a strong clean, fair-minded man who is above criticism. We have a good ticket all the way through."

"Mr. Cornwell may talk of waste and extravagance and of a desire to restore government to the people. But the action of the Democratic party is so thoroughly at variance with the professions of its leaders that we know they do not mean what they say. We remember that in 1912 the Democrats declared against Republican waste and extravagance and against useless offices. They made their campaign upon that issue. What was the result? In the last half of the Wilson administration the Democratic congress appropriated \$1,700,000,000—a sum of \$800,000,000 greater than ever was appropriated."

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## Five Killed By Powder Explosion

(By Associated Press)  
HUNTINGTON, Pa., Sept. 20.—Five men were instantly killed and another probably sustained fatal injuries when the air dry house of the Mt. Union plant of the Aetna Explosive company was wrecked near here today. All the dead were employed in the building which was blown to pieces.

The force of the blast was felt for miles, but with the exception of broken windows the only damage to the plant was in destruction of the building where the explosion occurred. The cause, officers said, would probably never be known.

## United Workmen Meet in Clarksburg

(By Associated Press)  
CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Sept. 20.—Featured by an address on the order at large by Wm. M. Norris, of Muscatine, Iowa, the Supreme Master Workmen or chief national officer, the sixteenth biennial state convention of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of West Virginia got under way here today for a session of two days. Mayor G. H. Gordon gave the visitors a hearty welcome at the opening session.

## RIVER TRAFFIC TO RESUME ON MONONGAHELA

Steamer Ruth Will Make  
First Trip Here  
Soon

## LOCAL COMMITTEE BUSY

Weekly Schedule Will Be  
Operated If Business  
Is Good

The Steamer Ruth, owned by the Ohio and Kanawha Transportation company of Pittsburgh, is expected in Fairmont the latter part of this week and if sufficient amount of freight traffic is found on this river will make weekly or twice a week trips between this city and Pittsburgh.

Chairman Earl Smith of the River Traffic committee of the Fairmont Improvement association received a letter yesterday from this company in which they stated that they had made inquiries of the U. S. Engineers at Pittsburgh and found that the locks on the Monongahela would accommodate their boats and that provided enough freight could be obtained in this region to pay they would operate boats between here and Pittsburgh. The Steamer Ruth which is now on a trip from Parkersburg will be sent up the Monongahela on her return.

A committee to call upon local shipper and see what may be done in the way of obtaining freight for this line was appointed by Chairman Smith upon receipt of the letter. These men are A. C. Lyons and W. H. Spedden, who are at work today. This subcommittee hope to have their report ready for a meeting of the River Traffic committee which will be held Friday at which a report will be made to the pack company at Pittsburgh.

The agent of the Ohio and Kanawha company at Pittsburgh is H. C. Donnelly and this company now operates five steam packets on these two rivers. If the other cities along the Monongahela give this enterprise as much encouragement as Fairmont has given, the packets will be operated this fall until the river is closed because of ice.

## MRS. EFFIE FIMPLE GRANTED DIVORCE

John E. Fimple filled up on liquor and frequently mingled with colored persons of both sexes according to the testimony heard in Intermediate Court when his wife Effie Fimple had her application for a decree of absolute divorce granted.

John did not appear at all in the case and the allegations of set up in the bill were substantiated by depositions and witnesses who stated that they had seen him commit the act while intoxicated for a period of two years while the plaintiff was ordered not to re-marry until six months had passed. Frank R. Amos acted as attorney for the plaintiff.

## She Did Not Like Company Her Husband Kept

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## Mayor Mitchell Appeals To Shonts

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—All other efforts to prevent the threatened general strike of 700,000 trades unionists in sympathy with striking car men having thus far failed Mayor Mitchell decided today to make a personal appeal to Theodore E. Shonts, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, and New York Street Railways to concede his reiterated intention of refusing to deal with the strikers.

Although there appeared little hopes of a change in the traction company's policy the mayor arranged for a conference with Mr. Shonts later today.

## Eckley B. Cox, Jr., Dies At Driftwood

(By Associated Press)  
HAZLETON, Pa., Sept. 20.—Eckley B. Cox, Jr., a member of the Cox family of pioneer anthracite coal operators and a backer of the University of Pennsylvania Egyptian Archeological expedition, died at his home at Driftwood, near here today after a long illness. He was 43 years old and unmarried.

## County Court Lets But One Bridge Today

Bids On Other Bridges To  
Be Further Con-  
sidered

No bids at all were received by the court on the Ices Run bridge which is but a small affair and was evidently thought not worth consideration by the bidders. The court exercised their privilege of further considering the bids on the remaining three bridges, these being at Mill Fall on the Monongahela road at Parker Run and Pricketts creek.

The bids on these bridges in each case were higher than had been anticipated and the opinion of the court was that the matter should be continued, they manifesting a desire to not rush precipitately into the expenditure of too much of the county's money at this time. Representatives of the four bidders attended the meeting today which was very decorous and orderly, the members of the court and the bidders speaking in cautious tones.

The bidders on the various jobs were as follows: Concrete Steel Company, Meredith Construction company, Lutten Bridge company and Cole Brothers Construction company. Cole Brothers submitted the only bid upon the Parker Run bridge, and their offer was \$14,000. The Lutten company submitted plans of their own for this structure and offered to build for \$10,924. This however was with the fill and its floor. The bridge complete was estimated to cost \$12,507 when built by their plans. Both these offers on this bridge were carried over and are under consideration.

All of the bridges plans on which the bids were asked specified re-enforced concrete construction and were the plans on file at the county engineer's office. Steel bridges could be built for about half the cost of these but were thought to be less permanent.

## The Weather

Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia—Fair tonight and Thursday.

LOCAL WEATHER READINGS  
F. P. Hall, Observer  
Temperature at 8 a. m. today 39.  
Yesterday's weather clear; temperature, maximum 70; minimum 37; precipitation none.